Remarks

The Examiner stated that it was improper for the Applicant to submit that claims 3-17 are readable on Species O because claims 3-17 include all the species. Although Applicant agrees with the observation that all of the claims are readable on Species O, this does not make the election improper. Specifically, the Examiner has delineated species that cannot be correlated to particular claims. In other words, some claims cover more than one species. Nevertheless, in an effort to move prosecution forward, Applicant hereby reaffirms its election of Species O and identifies claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 16 and 17 as reading on this species.

In light of the above remarks, an early and favorable response is earnestly requested.

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